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SUBJECT: FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF QADHAFI VISIT TO NIGER, JANUARY
22-24

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1. QADHAFI VISIT COMMUNIQUE IS GENERALLY RESTRAINED
STATEMENT WITH BLAND OR PIOR FOHULATIONS ON WESTERN
SAHARA, SOTHERN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST, AND WITH NO
MENTION OF HORN OR CHAD.

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2. COMMUNIQUE GIVES MOST OF ITS ATTENTION BUT NOT VERY
SPECIFICALLY TO BILATERAL TIES AND COOPERATION. IT ALSO
HAS A FLOWERY CODA OF SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS NOTING HOW
QADHAFI AND KOUNTCHE EDUCATED EACH OTHER ON THE MARVELLOUS
THINGS GOING ON INTERNALLY IN BOTH LIBYA AND NIGER.
KOUNTCHE ALSO NOTES "SATISFACTION", OF ALL THINGS,
WITH THE ROLE LIBYA PLAYS "IN THE CONCERT OF NATIONS".

QADHAFI, IN TURN, PRAISES KOUNTCHE FOR WHAT HE IS DOING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NIGER.

3. INTERNATIONAL ISSUES DEALT WITH IN REASONABLE RESTRAINED WAY. WESTERN SAHARA PARAGRAPH NOTES FIRM SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION (NIGER'S BOILERPLATE POSITION), PLUS HOPE THAT OAU LIBREVILLE SUMMIT "WITH EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES" WILL SUCCEED. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, FIRM SUPPORT NOTED FOR THE "STRUGGLE" OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (BUT NOT, PERHAPS INTERESTINGLY, OF MOVEMENTS THEMSELVES) IN NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, AND SOUTH AFRICA. STRONG INTEREST EXPRESSED IN 30TH CONFERENCE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LIBERATION OF AFRICA BEING HELD IN TRIPOLI IN FEBRUARY. CONDEMNATION OF IMPERIALIST EFFORT TO CREATE BLOCS IN AFRICA BUT NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HORN. TWO PARAGRAPHS TOUT BENEFITS OF AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, CONDEMNING THE "ZIONIST ENEMY" (FAIRLY STRONG LANGUAGE FOR NIGER) JOINT DESIRE VOICED TO SUPPORT PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN RECOVERING THEIR LAND AND RIGHTS. STRONG DISAPPROVAL FOR EXCLUDING PALESTINIANS FROM ATTEMPTS AT RESOLVING PROBLEM. NOTHING SAID ABOUT EGYPT.

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5. PARTIES SAY THEY WANT TO AMEND U.N. CHARTER TO ASSURE TOTAL EQUALITY OF MEMBERS, ELIMINATING VETO AND GETTING AT NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WITH EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THIRD WORLD.

6. COMMENT: ONLY NEW POSITION FOR NIGER IS DIRECT CALL TO GET RID OF VETO AT U.N. ON BALANCE, DOCUMENT SUGGEST KOUNTCHE WAS WILLING TO THROW A LOT OF BOUQUETS AT VISITORS WHILE WORKING TO AVOID BUYING ONTO CONTENTIOUS FORMULATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THUS MAINTAINING MOST OF NIGER'S FENCE SITTING POSITIONS. END COMMENT
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